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**Doctoral Course
Graduate School of Health Sciences,
Kumamoto University**

3rd Term Application Guidelines

General Entrance Examination
International Student Entrance Examination



Kumamoto University

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1. Basic Philosophy & Aims and Admission Policy

The basic philosophy of the Doctoral Course of the Graduate School of Health Sciences is to contribute to the establishment and development of educational system of health sciences by developing and integrating the knowledge and skills acquired in the Master's Course of each department: Nursing, Radiological Sciences and Medical Laboratory Sciences. The Doctoral Course aims to foster individuals who have research skills based on a broad perspective and specialized education, and who can play a leading role in research teams and team medicine, in other words, advanced medical professionals in the medical field and individuals with excellent research skills, with a view to maintaining and improving the human health and quality of community medicine, as well as to train educators and researchers for institutions of higher education.

In light of the above, the Doctoral Course seeks individuals:

- ① who have enthusiasm to contribute to the health needs of the nation.
- ② who have the basic academic abilities to receive education in health sciences.
- ③ who have a strong desire to pursue health studies and be proactive in their studies and self-development.
- ④ who aim to become practical leaders or educators/researchers in the field of health, medical care, and welfare.
- ⑤ who are willing to contribute to the local communities in the areas of their expertise as well as to think and play active roles from a global perspective.

2. Number of Students to be Admitted

Major	Course	Degree	Number of students to be admitted
Health Sciences	Nursing	Doctoral degree (Nursing) or Doctoral degree (Health Sciences)	2
	Radiological Sciences		
	Medical Laboratory Sciences		

3. Eligibility for Application

General Entrance Examination

Applicants are those who fit into any of the following cases:

- (1) Persons who have received a master's degree or a professional degree (hereinafter referred to as "master's degree, etc."), or who are expected to receive the said degree by March 2024.
- (2) Persons who have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree, etc., or who are expected to receive the said degree by March 2024 in a foreign country.
- (3) Persons who have completed a course of study designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan at an educational institution in Japan that is positioned in the school education system of a foreign country as having a graduate school course, and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree, etc. or are expected to receive the said degree by March 2024.
- (4) Persons who have completed a correspondence course conducted by a school in a foreign country while residing in Japan and have received a degree equivalent to a master's degree, etc., or are expected to receive the said degree by March 2024.
- (5) Persons who have engaged in research for two years or longer at a university or other research institute after graduating from a university in Japan or completing 16 years of school education in a foreign country, and are recognized by the Graduate School of Health Sciences as having scholastic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's degree, etc. based on their achievements in the relevant research fields.
- (6) Persons who are recognized by the Graduate School of Health Sciences as having scholastic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's degree, etc. as a result of individual screening of the eligibility for application, and will reach 24 years of age by March 2024.

International Student Entrance Examination

Applicants are those who do not have Japanese nationality and meet any of the eligibility categories (1) to (6) for General Entrance Examination above.

Note: Applicants with the Eligibility for Application category (5) or (6) above will need a screening of the eligibility for application. Please see "4. Screening of Eligibility for Application" on page 2 for details and apply for the screening in advance.

4. Screening of Eligibility for Application

(1) Period of submission of the application documents

Applicants with the Eligibility for Application category of (5) or (6) will be screened for their eligibility for application in advance. Please submit the documents listed in (3) below.

Period of submission: from January 15 (Mon) to January 19 (Fri), 2024.

If mailing the documents, send a set of the documents enclosed in an envelope by registered express mail with the words, “3rd Term Application Documents for Screening of Eligibility for Application to Doctoral Course, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University enclosed” clearly written in red on the front of the envelope.

(2) Where to submit/mail the application documents

Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University

4-24-1 Kuhonji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN

Postal code: 862-0976

E-mail: skh-kyomu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

(3) Application documents for Screening of Eligibility for Application

① Application form for Screening of Eligibility for Application [Designated form]

② Graduation (Completion) Certificate or Certificate of Expected Graduation (Completion) issued by the applicant’s most recent educational institution

③ Certificate of Academic Record issued by the applicant’s most recent educational institution

④ Certificate of Employment (Any format is acceptable.)

⑤ Others

If the applicant has publications and/or research achievements, copies of those documents and a list of achievements should be submitted.

⑥ Return-mail envelope for screening result notification

[For applicants who reside in Japan]

A standard-size envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm) with the applicant’s postal code, address and name clearly written on it, with a 344-yen stamp affixed

[For applicants from abroad]

An envelope and invoice for express mail with the applicant’s postal code, address and name clearly written on it

(4) Result of Screening of Eligibility for Application

The result of the screening will be mailed to the applicant.

Applicants who have passed the screening should immediately prepare the documents required for the application for the entrance examination and submit them within the application period.

5. Screening Method

Applicants will be screened based on a comprehensive assessment of scores of their oral examination and external English test.

Successful applicants will be selected in the order of highest score of the oral examination.

Applicants who score less than 60% on the oral examination and applicants whose English test scores are less than those below will fail.

EIKEN: Grade Pre-2, TOEFL iBT: 30, TOEIC L&R: 350, IELTS: 3.0

6. Examination Date/Time, Subject and Venue

Date	Time	Subject	Venue
March 2 (Sat), 2024	10:30~	Oral examination	Graduate School of Health Sciences, Kumamoto University (4-24-1 Kuhonji, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City)

*International applicants living outside Japan can choose the method of examination (face to face examination at Graduate School of Health Sciences or through Internet). **Please consult your supervisor before applying.**

Notes:

1. On the day of the examination, examinees must arrive at the venue at least 45 minutes before the start of the examination.
2. Latecomers for the examination due to unavoidable circumstances will be allowed to take the examination only if it is within 30 minutes from the meeting time.
3. Examinees are not allowed to leave the examination room before the examination ends.
4. Examinees must turn off their mobile phones.

7. Prior Consultation

Those who wish to apply for the entrance examination must have a prior consultation, regarding their future doctoral research, with the faculty member from whom they wish to receive academic guidance. Please see “16. Full-time Supervisors and Research Themes” for the faculty members. For prior consultation, please contact the faculty member by e-mail.

If working adult applicants wish to apply for the special arrangements for school hours, they should ask about the matter at the time of prior consultation.

Period of Prior Consultation: **January 9 (Tue) to January 12 (Fri), 2024**

8. Application Period

February 6 (Tue) to no later than 17:00 on February 9 (Fri), 2024

Only documents postmarked on or before February 7 (two days before the deadline) will be accepted if arrived after the application period.

Please send a set of your application documents enclosed in an envelope by **express registered mail** with the words, **“3rd Term Application documents for Entrance Examination for Doctoral Course, Graduate School of Health Sciences enclosed”** clearly written **in red** on the front of the envelope. The application documents will not be accepted if brought directly to us. Be sure to send them by mail.

Where to submit application documents:

Admissions Division, Student Affairs Department, Kumamoto University
2-40-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN
Postal code: 860-8555

9. Application Materials to Submit

Documents/Materials	To be submitted by	Description
Admission Application Card	All applicants	[Designated form] Refer to “How to Fill out the Admission Application Card”.
Photo Card, Admission Ticket, Address Card	All applicants	[Designated form] Attach a photo (4 cm × 3 cm) of frontal portrait with no hat taken within three months before application on the “Photo Card” and “Admission Ticket” for each.
Academic Transcripts (Undergraduate and Master’s Course)	All applicants	The transcripts must be originals, issued in the name of the president of the university (undergraduate) and graduate school from which the applicant graduated (is expected to graduate), and strictly sealed.
Certificates of (expected) Completion	All applicants	The certificates must be originals, issued in the name of the president of the university (undergraduate) and graduate school from which the applicant graduated (is expected to graduate), and strictly seals.

Summary of Master's Thesis or Report on Research Progress	All applicants	[Designated form] Applicants who have completed and who are expected to complete a master's course should submit the summary of their master's theses and their research progress reports, respectively. (Approximately 1,200 characters in Japanese or appropriate length in English with Japanese translation.) Other materials such as of research presentations, if any, should also be submitted.
Reason for Application & Desired Research Form	All applicants	[Designated form] Describe the reason for application and desired research details on the form. <u>Be sure to submit the form with a signature of your supervisor.</u>
Application Form for Screening of Eligibility for Application	Applicants who fit into the Eligibility for Application category (5) or (6)	[Designated form] Applicants who apply for the screening of the Eligibility for Application should submit the application forms for screening. See "4. Screening of Eligibility for Application" on page 2.
Score report of English test (EIKEN, TOEFL iBT, TOEIC L&R, or IELTS)	All applicants	Attach the original and a copy of the official score report. <u>Applicants whose English test scores are less than those listed below will fail.</u> · EIKEN: Grade Pre-2 · TOEFL iBT: 30 · TOEIC L&R: 350 · IELTS: 3.0 (The original will be returned on the day of the entrance exam.)
Examination fee (Form for Examination Fee Payment Certificate)	All applicants	Please see "10. How to Pay the Entrance Examination Fee" on page 4.
Return-mail envelope for Admission Ticket	All applicants	[For applicants who reside in Japan] A standard-size envelope (23.5 cm × 12 cm) with the applicant's postal code, address and name clearly written on it, with a 344-yen stamp affixed (special delivery charge included) [For applicants from abroad] An envelope and invoice for express mail with the applicant's postal code, address and name clearly written on it.
Copy of Certificate of Residence or Residence Card	Non-Japanese applicants	[For applicants who reside in Japan] - Submit a copy of your Certificate of Residence or residence card. - Certificate of Residence for family members are not required. [For applicants who do not reside in Japan at the time of application] - Submit a copy of your passport.

Notes:

1. If your current name and your name on the certificates are different due to a change of your family name or other reason, please submit an extract from your family register along with the certificates.
2. If you make any false statement in your applications, your admission may be revoked.
3. The English test score (except for EIKEN) should be of the test you have taken within two years from the entrance examination. If you are unable to submit the original official score report during the application period, **submit two copies of the official score report, then submit the original on the day of the entrance exam. If you do not submit the original score report on the day of the entrance exam, you lose the eligibility for the application (examination).** If the official certificate of TOEIC L&R test scores is digital, please print and submit one copy.
4. **Application documents (except for "Summary of Master's Thesis", "Research Progress Report", and "Reason for Application & Desired Research Form") written in English should be submitted along with their Japanese translations.**
5. If you wish to have your original certificates/transcripts returned to you later, please inform the Student Affairs Office, Graduate School of Health Sciences.

10. How to pay the Entrance Examination Fee

- (1) Examination fee: 30,000 yen
- (2) Payment period: **February 6 (Tue) to February 9 (Fri), 2024**
- (3) Where to pay: At the reception counter of a post office or bank

Bank transfer fees shall be borne by the applicant.

Do not use an ATM (automated-teller machine) for the payment. Be sure to pay at the reception counter of a post office or bank.

(4) How to pay

①[For applicants who reside in Japan]

Please pay the examination fee at the reception counter of a post office or a bank after filling out the examination fee payment form. Do not use an ATM (automated-teller machine) for the payment.

After the payment, be sure to attach the “Certificate of Payment” issued at the reception counter to the “Sheet for Examination Fee Payment Certificate” and submit the Sheet.

②[For applicants from abroad]

Please contact the Finance Affairs Division (zak-syunyu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) by e-mail before payment.

Bank transfer fees shall be borne by the applicant.

(5) Important notes regarding application

① Application will not be accepted, if the examination fee has not been paid, or if the “Certificate of Payment” is not attached to the designated place of the “Sheet for Examination Fee Payment Certificate.”

② Once the application documents are received, the examination fee will not be refunded except for the following cases:

1) The applicant has paid the examination fee, but the application has not been made (either the application documents have not been submitted or they have not been accepted by the university), or

2) The applicant has paid the examination fee more than once by mistake.

③ Bank transfer fees for refunding shall be borne by the applicant.

How to request for a refund of the examination fee

Prepare a “Request for a refund of the examination fee” (any format is acceptable), which clearly shows the reason for the request, applicant’s name (with name seal on the right of applicant’s name), name of Graduate School the applicant has applied for, applicant’s current address, postal code, contact phone number, name of the bank to be used for transfer, branch name, account number of an ordinary deposit and accountholder’s name (with the name in English). If the applicant’s name and accountholder’s name are different, the relationship between the applicant and the accountholder must be also indicated. Then, send it with the “Certificate of Payment” attached to a separate sheet of paper by mail immediately.

Where to send:

Finance Affairs Division, Administrative Department, Kumamoto University

2-39-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN

Postal code: 860-8555

E-mail: zak-syunyu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

*Please contact Admission Division (E-mail: nyushi@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp) if you wish us to refund the examination fee to your bank account outside Japan.

11. Announcement of Successful Applicants

March 8 (Fri), 2024

Notification of acceptance will be mailed directly to successful applicants.

In addition, the examination ID numbers of successful applicants will be announced on the website of Kumamoto University (<https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>) at around 11 a.m. on the announcement day. (The announcement on the website may delay depending on the communication environment on that day.)

Inquiries regarding examination results by telephone will not be accepted.

12. Enrollment Procedure

Details of the enrollment procedure will be in the instructions enclosed in the notification of acceptance.

Enrollment procedure should be completed online.

- (1) Important note
Those who do not complete the enrollment procedure during the designated period will be considered to have declined admission to the Graduate School of Health Sciences.
- (2) Required expenses at the time of enrollment procedure
Entrance fee: 282,000 yen (scheduled amount)
Note: The amount and payment method of entrance fee as well as details of entrance fee waiver/deferment system will be notified with the notification of acceptance.
- (3) Document required for enrollment procedure
Letter of guarantor
- (4) Tuition
First semester: 267,900 yen (annual amount: 535,800 yen) (scheduled amount)
Note 1: The amount and payment method of tuition fee as well as details of tuition waiver system will be notified with the notification of acceptance.
Note 2: If the amount of tuition is revised by the time of enrollment procedure or after enrolled, the new amount of tuition is will apply from the time of revision.

13. Scholarships None

14. How to Apply for International House (Accommodation)

Successful international applicants who wish to live in the Kumamoto University International House should apply as below. The period of residence is up to one year in principle. Unsuccessful applicants cannot live in the International House.

- (1) How to apply for the International House
Please download the application form from the website of Kumamoto University below.
The application form may also be picked up at the Global Education Division, or may be requested to the Division by e-mail.
[URL]
https://ewww.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/prospective/accommodation/international_house/charges/
- (2) Deadline for submitting the application form
No later than January 31 (Wed), 2024
- (3) Where to submit & contact
Global Education Division (Student Affairs Office), Kumamoto University
2-40-1 Kurokami, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City, Kumamoto, JAPAN
Postal code: 860-8555
Phone: +81-96-342-2160
Fax: +81-96-342-2130
E-mail: gji-ryugaku@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

15. Others

(1) Special Arrangements for School Hours

The Graduate School of Health Sciences offers evening classes, classes at specific times or periods, and intensive courses for students who are enrolled as working adults in accordance with Article 14 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools. Those who wish to apply for these arrangements should make a request at the time of prior consultation.

(2) Long-term Enrollment System

The Graduate School of Health Sciences may permit students who wish to systematically complete a course of study for a certain period of time (up to 6 years) beyond the standard term of study (3 years) for reasons such as having an occupation, to do so after screening. Students who are enrolled through this system are referred to as “long-term students,” and their total tuition payment will be the same as that of students who complete their studies within the standard period of study.

The application form for long-term enrollment will be enclosed in the enrollment procedure guide, and applicants must submit it by the designated deadline.

(3) Important Notes

- ① Once the application documents have been received, no changes can be made to the content of

- the documents, nor can the entrance examination fee or application materials be returned.
- ② Those who have made false statements in their applications will be disqualified from taking the examination, and their admission may be revoked if found out later.
 - ③ Be sure to bring your Admission Ticket with you when you take the examination. The Admission Ticket will be also required for various procedures related to enrollment, so do not lose it after passing the entrance examination.
 - ④ Applicants with physical disabilities who wish to receive special consideration for taking the examination and studying after enrolled should contact the **Student Affairs Office of the Graduate School of Health Sciences**, Kumamoto University by January 12 (Fri), 2024.
 - ⑤ No private vehicles are allowed to enter or park on the university campus.

Personal Information

Applicants' personal information obtained by Kumamoto University through the selection process will be used for the purposes below, in addition to the use in the selection process:

- (1) Names, etc. of successful applicants will be used in operations related to enrollment process.
- (2) Names, etc. of enrollees will be used in operations related to enrollment process including student register management.
- (3) Names, addresses, etc. of enrollees and tuition fee payers will be used in operations related to payment management including collection of tuitions.
- (4) Personal information including academic records obtained in the selection of applicants will be used in operations related to financial support for students such as selection of entrance fee/tuition waiver and scholarship recipients.
- (5) Personal information such as academic records obtained in the selection of applicants will be used for surveys and research related to the selection of applicants.

*The personal information obtained by Kumamoto University will not be used for any other purpose or provided to any third party without the consent of the applicant, except as required by law.

Full-time Supervisors and Research Themes

Major: Health Science

Course	Research themes	Faculty members	Email
Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Nursing Practice in Mental Health Care and Welfare • Research on Community-based integrated care systems 	Professor. AOISHI Keiko	keikoao
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on the care systems in community-based maternal and child health activities • Research on disaster victim support and disaster prevention activities. 	Professor. OKOCHI Ayako	okochi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender sensitive medicine • Cardiovascular disease in women 	Professor. KAWANO Hiroaki	koumei
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on nursing care for cancer patients, especially for breast cancer patients and educational programs designed to develop practical nursing abilities 	Professor. KOKUFU Hiroko	kokufu
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A research regarding novel strategy for improvement of the examination rate for cervical cancer screening system in young women. • A research for smoking or hormonal factors affecting cervical carcinogenesis 	Professor. TASHIRO Hironori	htashiro
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of nursing skills and educational contents • Research on information utilization skills and education systems for nursing practice 	Associate Professor. MATSUMOTO Chiharu	matsu-c
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on critical care nursing • Research on educational program for effective development of physical assessment ability 	Professor. MITOMA Rika	mitoma
Radiological Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image analysis and clinical application in neuroradiology 	Professor. KITAJIMA Mika	mkitaji
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia diagnosis using SPECT and PET 	Associate Professor. SAKAMOTO Fumi	f-sakamoto
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on imaging technology of biological information using MRI • Research on safety management in MRI examination 	Professor. FUJIWARA Yasuhiro	yfuji
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation dose reduction and improved image quality with multidetector CT 	Professor. FUNAMA Yoshinori	funama
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Image interpretation and its therapeutic application in radiation oncology 	Professor. MURAKAMI Ryuji	murakami
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on accuracy verification in High-precision radiotherapy • Development of new absorbed dose measurement method 	Associate Professor. OHNO Takeshi	t_oono
Course	Research themes	Faculty members	Email
Medical Laboratory Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Research on pathogenesis and treatment for sepsis-associated coagulopathy • Development of science-based methodology for evaluating thrombogenic potential 	Professor. ITOH Takashi	tito
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functional disease glycomics for establishing novel strategies of treatments • Decoding intrinsic glycan information to elucidate the workings of biological nature 	Professor. OHTSUBO Kazuaki	kohtsubo

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Medical Laboratory Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of novel system for early diagnosis of impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) neuropathy • Research on pathophysiological mechanisms of amyloid neuropathy 	Professor. OBAYASHI Konen	konen
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiological study on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) using spirometry • Epidemiological study on life-style related diseases among subjects with medical check-ups 	Professor. OMORI Hisamitsu	omorih
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of diagnostic methods for amyloidosis • Research on the pathogenesis of amyloidosis 	Associate Professor. TASAKI Masayoshi	tasaki
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic research on cancer biomarker • Development of therapeutic strategy based on carcinogenic mechanism for liver cancer 	Professor. YAMAMOTO asahiro	masahiro